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H. R. 3846

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program to help law enforcement agencies with civilian law enforcement tasks, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 9, 2025

Mr. HARDER of California (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. SWALWELL, and Mr. NUNN of Iowa) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Retired Law Enforce-
5 ment Officers Continuing Service Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
3 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) is amended
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 **“PART PP—CIVIL LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK**

6 **GRANTS**

7 **“SEC. 3061. DEFINITIONS.**

8 “In this part:

9 “(1) CIVILIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK.—The
10 term ‘civilian law enforcement task’—

11 “(A) includes—

12 “(i) assisting in homicide investiga-
13 tions;

14 “(ii) assisting in carjacking investiga-
15 tions;

16 “(iii) assisting in financial crimes in-
17 vestigations;

18 “(iv) assisting in compliance with re-
19 porting requirements;

20 “(v) reviewing camera footage;

21 “(vi) crime scene analysis;

22 “(vii) forensics analysis; and

23 “(viii) providing expertise in com-
24 puters, computer networks, information
25 technology, or the internet; and

1 “(B) does not include the ability to make
2 arrests or use force under the color of law.

3 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
4 tity’ means a State, local, Tribal, or territorial law
5 enforcement agency that certifies that retired law
6 enforcement personnel hired using amounts from a
7 grant under this part—

8 “(A) have appropriate and reasonably cur-
9 rent training and experience to effectively carry
10 out the tasks described in section 3062(a); or

11 “(B) will participate in appropriate con-
12 tinuing education programs to satisfy subpara-
13 graph (A).

14 **“SEC. 3062. GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may
16 award grants to eligible entities for the purpose of hiring
17 retired personnel from law enforcement agencies to—

18 “(1) train civilian employees of the eligible enti-
19 ty on civilian law enforcement tasks that can be per-
20 formed on behalf of a law enforcement agency; and

21 “(2) perform civilian law enforcement tasks on
22 behalf of the eligible entity.

23 “(b) DISCIPLINARY RECORDS.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity receiving
25 a grant under subsection (a) shall make a good faith

1 effort to determine whether a retired law enforce-
2 ment officer seeking to be hired by the eligible entity
3 using amounts from a grant under this part has a
4 disciplinary record or an internal investigation
5 record by—

6 “(A) conducting a search of the National
7 Decertification Index; or

8 “(B) requesting the personnel record of the
9 retired law enforcement officer from each law
10 enforcement agency that employed the retired
11 law enforcement officer.

12 “(2) **HIRING DETERMINATIONS.**—Before mak-
13 ing any hiring determination, the highest ranking
14 law enforcement officer of an eligible entity receiving
15 a grant under subsection (a) or a designee of that
16 law enforcement officer shall review any findings of
17 misconduct that arise as a result of a search or re-
18 quest conducted pursuant to paragraph (1).

19 **“SEC. 3063. ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS.**

20 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—A grant awarded under this part
21 shall be subject to the accountability requirements of this
22 section.

23 “(b) **AUDIT REQUIREMENT.**—

24 “(1) **DEFINITION.**—In this subsection, the term
25 ‘unresolved audit finding’ means a finding in a final

1 audit report of the Inspector General of the Depart-
2 ment of Justice that an audited grantee has used
3 grant funds for an unauthorized expenditure or oth-
4 erwise unallowable cost that is not closed or resolved
5 within 12 months from the date when the final audit
6 report is issued.

7 “(2) AUDITS.—Beginning in the first fiscal
8 year beginning after the date of enactment of the
9 Retired Law Enforcement Officers Continuing Serv-
10 ice Act, and in each fiscal year thereafter, the In-
11 spector General of the Department of Justice shall
12 conduct audits of recipients of grants under this
13 part to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse of funds by
14 grantees. The Inspector General of the Department
15 of Justice shall determine the appropriate number of
16 grantees to be audited each year.

17 “(3) MANDATORY EXCLUSION.—A recipient of
18 grant funds under this part that is found to have an
19 unresolved audit finding shall not be eligible to re-
20 ceive grant funds under this part during the first 2
21 fiscal years beginning after the end of the 12-month
22 period described in paragraph (1).

23 “(4) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
24 part, the Attorney General shall give priority to eli-
25 gible entities that did not have an unresolved audit

1 finding during the 3 fiscal years before submitting
2 an application for a grant under this part.

3 “(c) ANNUAL CERTIFICATION.—Beginning in the fis-
4 cal year during which audits commence under subsection
5 (b)(2), the Attorney General shall submit to the Com-
6 mittee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Appropria-
7 tions of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary
8 and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
9 Representatives an annual certification—

10 “(1) indicating whether—

11 “(A) all audits issued by the Office of the
12 Inspector General of the Department of Justice
13 under subsection (b) have been completed and
14 reviewed by the appropriate Assistant Attorney
15 General or Director; and

16 “(B) all mandatory exclusions required
17 under subsection (b)(3) have been issued; and

18 “(2) that includes a list of any grant recipients
19 excluded under subsection (b)(3) from the previous
20 year.

21 “(d) PREVENTING DUPLICATIVE GRANTS.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Before the Attorney Gen-
23 eral awards a grant to an eligible entity under this
24 part, the Attorney General shall compare potential
25 grant awards with other grants awarded by the At-

1 torney General to determine if grant awards are or
2 have been awarded for a similar purpose.

3 “(2) REPORT.—If the Attorney General awards
4 grants to the same applicant for a similar purpose,
5 the Attorney General shall submit to the Committee
6 on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee
7 on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a
8 report that includes—

9 “(A) a list of all such grants awarded, in-
10 cluding the total dollar amount of any such
11 grants awarded; and

12 “(B) the reason the Attorney General
13 awarded multiple grants to the same applicant
14 for a similar purpose.”.

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